

Abstract of the Invention

A needle holder has a variety of features that make it an optimal device for safe storage and disposal of hypodermic needles. The needle holder of the present invention includes at least one hypodermic needle retainer for engaging and keeping a hypodermic needle. Further, the needle holder includes a receptacle that may accommodate surgical needles or other small sharps or biologically contaminated articles. The needle holder may be easily and conveniently employed in a variety of settings. Alternative embodiments will accommodate double-ended hypodermic needles, and will also accommodate larger versions of hypodermic needles such as thoracic, cardiac, or spinal needles, and which has additional support provision including hook arms and an adhesive layer.

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